

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations!

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that their nomination for Mary Shead to be given an award in the Queen's New Years Honours list was successful and Mary has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in recognition of all the voluntary work that she does on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch.

Role of the Parish Councillors

A Councillor is elected not only to represent his/her constituents, but to take decisions affecting the Parish as a whole. Towednack Parish Council has seven elected Councillors, and elections are generally held every four years. Should no more candidates stand than there are places, then the Councillors are elected without a contest. All Councillors are unpaid volunteers.

A Parish Councillor has a varied role depending on his/her particular strengths and interests. All Parish Councillors attend the monthly Parish Council meeting, where they discuss all the items on the agenda with the aim of agreeing a resolution. Some decisions will be unanimous and others will be by majority. Councillors may not always agree with the resolution but if the decision is made by majority then they must abide by that decision. Not all constituents will agree with the decisions taken but Parish Councillors always try to act in the best interests of their community as a whole.

Towednack Parish is small, but it is surprising at the breadth of matters that come before the Council. Councillors must make themselves aware of all that goes on in the Parish in terms of planning matters, highways matters, environmental matters, including the extensive footpath/bridleway network, the maintenance of verges, community spaces, the Parish Cemetery, the Red River. A lot of knowledge is required if Councillors are able to make effective decisions that may have an impact on the lives of everyone in the community.

Wheal Buzzy

Prior to the March Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 26th March, Charlotte Goodship, the Project Officer, will be coming to the Gilbert Hall at 6.30pm to give a short presentation on the Wheal Buzzy Project, which is aimed at addressing the decline of the rare and solitary mining bee populations. Anyone that is interested please do come along as Charlotte is looking to get the community involved in this project and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Meetings

The Council welcomes all residents to the monthly Parish Council meetings. There is a 15 minute period near the start of the meeting, which is set aside specifically so that residents can voice any concerns they have on any parish matter. After this period they may choose to leave, or stay and listen to (but not join in) council deliberations. The Parish Council needs to know residents views on parish matters to enable it to make balanced judgements and sound decisions on the important matters that affect our community. The Parish Council usually meets on the last Tuesday in the month at 7.00pm (exceptions to this are December). The meeting dates for the next four months are: 26th February, 26th March, 30th April and 28th May. The meeting on 28th May will be the Annual Meeting and this will be preceded by the Parish Meeting commencing at 6.45pm. Agendas for, and minutes from, all meetings are published on the Parish Noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

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